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1. As has been generally observed in the Soviet Occupation Zone, the Soviet forces are transferring their TU-10 two-engined jet bombers from the airfields eastward, while it is currently observed that the number of jet fighters is steadily increasing.

2. The following reason for these changes was stated by a Soviet officer at the Volkspolizei School at Dessau-Kochstedt: all the airfields in Soviet Germany and West Poland are within the range of the American fighter-bombers. Besides, only those planes were brought to Soviet Germany which were known about in the West.

3. In further conversation it developed that the staff of the Soviet Air Force had been newly made up. To the question whether the Volkspolizei would have independent flying units in course of time the answer was that air personnel equipped with modern machines would not be stationed in Germany for the time being.

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